

BLM Ridgecrest Field Office

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding. Additionally, Applicants may not charge a use fee for vehicles and/or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance cost.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended on project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – #5, Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #7b – Narrative does not support selection. It is not clear that a majority of the OHV areas are being patrolled on a daily basis.
- #9a – Narrative does not support the frequency of the soil evaluation.
- #11b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must identify the specific, Applicant and/or Land Manager initiated, educational events to support selection.
- #12a – Applicant must provide a more specific URL address where OHV related items are listed for the Applicant.
- #13 – Applicant must verify response by final submission.

Ground Operations	G17-01-15-G01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. Applicant must describe what “Moose Anderson Days” are in their Project Description. • Applicant must clarify what areas and aspects of BLM Ridgecrest land are being addressed by Friends of Jawbone, and provide details regarding their working partnership in the area. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Park Ranger”, Applicant must clarify what the “outreach” duty means, as outreach is generally considered an Education function. • Staff – “Resource Staff”, Report writing outside of Soil Report and HMP monitoring as required by the grant are indirect costs. Applicant must provide details for the types of reports to be written. In addition, Applicant must provide more details for how the rate was determined. • Staff – “Branch Chief”, Applicant must provide details for what supervising “OHV events” and “outreach” entails. • Staff – “Field Survey Archeologist”, there are several items that need to be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Position appears duplicative of the Archeologist in line item #2. Applicant must provide details to explain the need for two positions. ○ Applicant must provide details the types of reports to be written. • Staff – “Seasonal Park Ranger”, Applicant must clarify what “outreach” activities, as outreach is generally considered an Education function. • Contracts – “CXT Vault Pumping”, Applicant must provide more details for how the costs were determined (location, frequency). • Contracts – “Trail Maintenance Crew”, Applicant must provide detail on the approximate area to be covered and the location. • Contracts – “Jawbone Station Staffing”, providing books, maps, ad educational CD’s or DVD’s do not appear to be ground operation activities and/or appear as Indirect Cost. Applicant must justify this line item, including the percent of time charged for only direct Ground Ops activities. • Materials/Supplies – “Barricades/Cable/Posts”, Applicant must provide more details to explain the costs, e.g. amount to be ordered, etc. • Materials/Supplies – “Bench”, Applicant must move to Equipment Cost Category. • Materials/Supplies – “Shade Structure”, Applicant must address several issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Separate the shade structure and concrete slab into two separate line items. ○ If the shade structure is over \$1,000, it should be moved to the Equipment Cost Category. ○ For the concrete slab, Applicant must explain if its own staff will install. ○ If all items are actually combined in a contract, Applicant must move to the Contract Cost Category. • Equipment Use – Line items #1 through #3, Applicant must provide more details for what the line items entail and for how the costs were determined. 	

Evaluation Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 - Narrative does not support “Loss of OHV Opportunity”, “Negative impact to cultural sites” or “Damage to special-status species...” Applicant must provide additional details/examples explaining how selections would be accomplished. • #5 – Narrative only supports three partners. Friends of Last Chance Canyon are not performing Ground Operation Activities and for LA Water and Power, Applicant must clarify if Aqueduct is “green sticker” legal. • #6 - Narrative does not support the “Protecting special-status species,” or “Protecting cultural sites” selections. Applicant must provide examples/details explaining how selections would be accomplished. • #7 - Project Description does not support “Barrier materials...”

Restoration	G17-01-15-R01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A- Applicant must verify that this work is not covered in the FIELD Upper Middle Knob Restoration Project. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff- Resource Staff- Applicant must explain large increase in hours requested from previous years awarded Project. • Staff- Outdoor Recreation Branch Chief- Applicant must further define how job duties are related to on the ground deliverables. Applicant must also further define the \$21 an hour increase. • Staff- It appears that many line item increases are greater than 2.12% listed in the notes. Please provide additional justification for increase. • Contracts- Volunteer Hours- Item must be moved to Staff category. Additionally Applicant must further explain the need for volunteers on this project as it appears that volunteers would not be necessary for this Project to be completed. • Materials and Supplies - Fences and Barricades- Applicant must better define how cost was determined. Cost per mile seems excessive. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2- Narrative does not support selections “ Archeological and historical resources”, “Sensitive areas”, “Threatened and Endangered Species” or “Special Status Species”. Applicant must explain severity of impacts if Project is not funded. • #10- Narrative does not support selection as incursions are still occurring. Applicant must further explain how underlying problem has been resolved prior to application. 	

Law Enforcement	G17-01-15-L01
Needs Assessment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Comment 	
Law Enforcement Certification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Comment 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – Applicant must provide OHV duty descriptors for all line items contained in this category. • Materials / Supplies – “1. Tool Box and Misc Tools”, Applicant must provide detailed information on how this expense relates to OHV enforcement. • Equipment Purchases – “3. Installation and Setup”. Applicant must project the Rate/UOM for installation and setup in total hours. • Equipment Purchases – “4. Bulldog Dual Head Metal Halide Light Car”, cost appear excessive. Applicant must provide additional detailed information related to nighttime OHV repairs and substantiate the expense is specific to OHV enforcement and not a general patrol expense required for everyday operation. 	